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**Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)**

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Sir:

This application is entitled to small entity status and the same is respectfully asserted.

Respectfully submitted,

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